



Wright-Dunbar Heritage News



Over looking the field where the Wright Brothers developed the first practical airplane, the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center opened in December 2002.

Changes coming to the Park

In the coming months many changes will occur at Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. These changes include new plans, facilities, programs and staff. Together, these changes will fulfill our mission to interpret the lives and legacies of Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright and Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Efforts continue in the development of an amendment to the park's General Management Plan. A public scoping meeting held in December provided an opportunity for the public to identify

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issues involved in the management of the park. In February, a weeklong workshop that included representatives from the Ohio Historical Society, Carillon Historical Park, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission, and Aviation Trail, Inc. developed a range of management alternatives. Details on the alternatives

will be available in a future General Management Plan Newsletter.

The American Aviation Heritage Theme Study launched March 10 in partnership with the U. S. Air Force. The two year study is an effort to identify civilian and military aviation sites significant in aviation history. Several nominations to the National Register of Historic Places will result from the study. The study is being managed by John Sprinkle from the Washington office.

On December 17th, 2002, the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center was dedicated and opened to the public. The center is the result of a partnership with the state of Ohio and the US Air Force. Along with the opening of the center, Huffman Prairie Flying Field reopened with a new dedicated entrance, Gate 16A, off State Route 444, improvements include upgraded facilities for access, parking and interpretation. In conjunction with these changes plans are being made to conduct ranger-led tours of the flying field and the Wright Memorial during the summer of 2003.

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Important dates for 2003 summer

- June 27, (2pm)
Opening/Dedication of
the Wright-Dunbar
Interpretive Center/
Aviation Trail Visitor
Center and Museum
- July 3 - 20
Dayton Centennial
Celebration
- July 16, (12:30pm)
Re-dedication of the
Huffman Prairie Flying
Field
- July 17
Aviation Heritage
Speaker Series
Astronaut Jerry Ross

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Huffman Prairie Flying Field

Huffman Prairie Flying Field reopened to the public on December 17, 2002, in conjunction with the grand opening of the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base opened a new access route to the flying field through a dedicated gate, Gate 16-A, off State Route 444. It is the first gate after leaving the Wright Memorial and traveling east on Route 444. Huffman Prairie Flying Field is open Tuesday



through Saturday, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Variations to the schedule based on base needs will occur. For the most accurate schedule, contact the park rangers at the new interpretive center, 425-0008.

For those who have previously visited the flying field, new experiences await them this summer. For easy access, visitors will find a new parking lot on Marl Road, west of the Marl Road and Symmes Road intersection. The Old Yellow Springs Road that historically ran along the eastern edge of the flying field is re-created as a hardened-surface walking, handicap accessible trail. The trail is the entry point into the flying field from the Marl Road parking area. To help visitors understand the significance of the field, 17 interpretive panels explore the story of the brothers' accomplishments at the site.

By summer, other additions planned include replicas of the trolley platform and catapult launch device, an outline of the 1910 hangar, and new flags and flagpoles.

Huffman Prairie Flying Field will be rededicated on July 16 at 12:30pm.

For those who wonder: "Will there be planes at the Flying Field?" "Yes!" Starting in May and continuing periodically through October, the Wright "B" Flyer organization will display their new museum replica Wright B at the flying field. Plans are also being made to display a "beyond state of the art airplane" from NASA from July 10 to 16. Other aircraft may be on display during the summer. Contact the Interpretive Center for latest information and plan to visit.

Jan Ferguson

Volunteer Program

As park continues to expand facilities and services, volunteers will be needed. The need for volunteers exists in interpretive services and research/writing. Duties could include assistance in the day-to-day operation of visitor centers, visitor contacts at the information desk, sales at interpretive center gift shops and/or providing interpretive programs such as tours, talks, or school programs.

Primary work locations will be at The Wright Cycle Company Complex at South Williams & West Third in Dayton, and at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center on Wright Brothers Hill on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

You can obtain an application online at <http://www.nps.gov/volunteer> and mail to the park, attn: Arthur Currence, Volunteer Coordinator.

If you have questions call the park or send an e-mail to Arthur_Currence@nps.gov

Interpretive Center Opening

On the morning of December 17, 2002, about 400 people weathered cold temperatures and threatening skies to attend the ribbon cutting of the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center. The event was one of several marking the Wright brothers' first powered flight, December 17, 1903. Honored guests from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base included Commander of the Air Force Material Command General Lester Lyles; Aeronautical Systems Center Commander Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds; and 88th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Michael Belzil. Also attending were Secretary of the Department of the Interior Gale Norton; National Park Service Director Fran Mainella; and Congressmen David Hobson and Ralph Regula. Local dignitaries included Judge Walter Rice; members of the Wright family; Commissioners of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission; and Board members from Aviation Trail, Inc. and Inventing Flight.

The building, owned by the U.S. Air Force and operated by the National Park Service, is part of Dayton Aviation Heritage

National Historical Park. The building is the result of the partnership between the National Park Service and other agencies. Partnerships are a unique component of the Park's 1992 enabling legislation. The exhibits focus on the achievements of the Wright brothers at Huffman Prairie Flying Field and the story of their continuing legacy as embodied by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. After cutting the ribbon, attendees moved to the Wright Memorial for the annual wreath laying ceremony at the base of the monument. A luncheon sponsored by Aviation Trail, Inc. was held at the Officers Club.

Robert W. Petersen



Tour Scheduling

The first months of the Centennial of Flight are already developing into a very busy year for your Park. By the end of March, we completed 35 requests for on and off-site tours, talks, and temporary exhibit displays in 2003. Another 70 are already in the queue, and the requests keep coming daily.

Many Air Force-affiliated and flight related reunions, symposiums and other technical meetings are making Dayton their base this year to celebrate the 100th

anniversary of flight and Ohio's Bicentennial. Local schools and historical societies are placing a first hand experience with historic sites associated with flight a curriculum priority this year.

Park Guide Julia Frasure is coordinator for scheduling on and off-site ranger presentations (except for school groups) that include tours, talks, or setting up temporary displays at fairs and festivals. Julia schedules all program dates for The Wright Cycle Co. (and eventually Wright-

Dunbar Interpretive Center), the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, and the Huffman Prairie Flying Field. She hangs her hat most days at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center. Contact her at 937-425-0008 or e-mail to julia_frasure@nps.gov. Schools and teachers should contact Education Specialist Judi Hart at 937-225-7705 or judi_hart@nps.gov.

Julia Frasure

New Experiences at Flying Field

Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center opened to the public on December 19, 2002. As of the end of April, despite a severe winter, 5,163 visitors had explored the new facility. The building includes interpretive exhibits, a bookstore, theater, and office space.

Exhibits focus on the work of the Wright brothers at Huffman Prairie Flying Field in 'Perfecting the Airplane' and the 'Business of Flight' from 1904 through 1916.

Included is the development of the first practical airplane and the Wright's flights in Europe. The exhibits expand to connect the story of continuing aeronautical research at Wright-Patterson in 'Higher, Faster, Farther!', which focuses key areas of research that shaped the development of today's aircraft. Included is information on Wind Tunnels, Night Vision technology and Testing and Materials.

In February, a full-scale replica of the Wright's 1901 glider, built by Nick Engler and the Wright Brothers Aeroplane Company from West Milton, Ohio, was displayed. The brothers used the original machine to test their theories of control. Disappointment in its capabilities led the brothers to fully redesign the 1902 glider.

Recent exhibits include panels describing the Wright Model G flying boat (part of which is on display) and photos of Wright Models B and L. A new display illustrates thirteen airplanes produced by The Wright Company next to an original

Wright Company catalogue on loan from the Radcliffe family.

The Sky of Honor nears completion with ten new airplane models: F-111 Aardvarks, B-52, B-17 Flying Fortresses, DH-4 Liberty, B-10 Flying Whale, Curtiss A-3 Falcon and 1905 Wright Flyer III. A model of the 1905 Wright Flyer III is in the Learning to Fly interpretive area. A guide to the Sky of Honor describes each plane. Only a C-17 Globemaster & RQ-4A Global Hawk remain to be installed.

Updates to audio-visual programs, include the Learning to Fly interactive exhibit, Kings of the Air video, and Night Vision exhibit. The center expects the Flying School Theater video in the future and anxiously awaits the film for the main theater. Those who have not been to the center recently are encouraged to stop by for a follow up visit.

The summer recreation season launched May 10 and 11th when the center and Huffman Prairie Flying Field served as the gateway to Air Power 2003. For the first time in one place, Dayton, Ohio, the U.S. Air Force brought together one of every airplane currently in their inventory. During the coming summer months rangers will lead guided tours on the grounds of the Wright Memorial and on Huffman Prairie Flying Field.

Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial

Memorial Day 2003, May 26, marks the official opening of the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial for the summer season. The historical site will open all doors to the public with a noon ribbon cutting to begin the 65th season. To imprint the day with superlatives, Dayton's most outstanding teacher and most improved student will receive an award during the opening program. The two awards, the result of focused evaluations, have evolved as annual awards, because they were envisioned by Dunbareans many years ago.

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Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial

Another Honor for the 1905 Wright Flyer III

On February 20, 2003, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) International designated the 1905 Wright Flyer III a Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark in a ceremony in Wright Hall, Carillon Historical Park.

Speakers included Susan Skemp, President, ASME International; Mahesh C. Aggarwal, Vice President, ASME Great Lakes Region; R. Michael Hunt, Chair, ASME History and Heritage; Lawrence Blake, Superintendent, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, Amanda Wright Lane, great-grand niece of Wilbur and Orville Wright; W. Anthony Huffman, Chair, Governing Board of

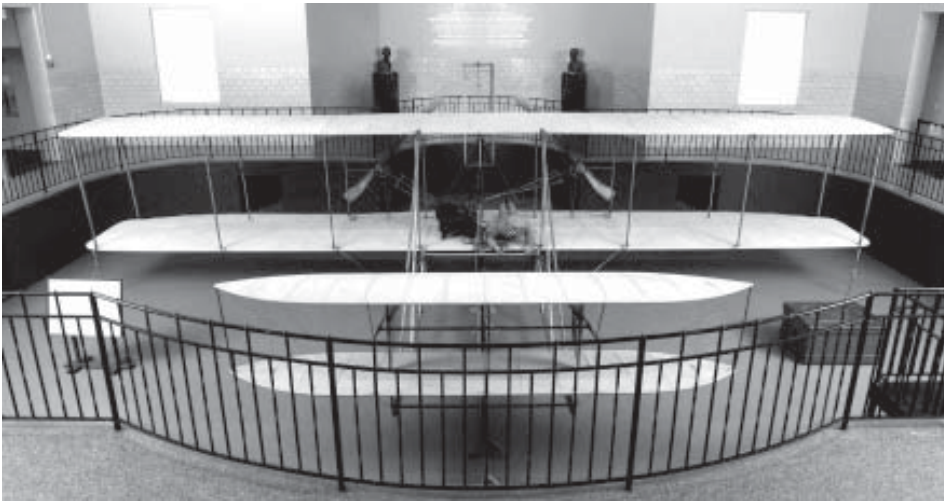
Carillon Historical Park, and Mary Mathews, Executive Director, Carillon Historical Park.

Ms. Skemp presented a Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark plaque to Mr. Huffman for mounting in Wright Hall. In accepting on behalf of the Park, Mr. Huffman displayed a pocket watch that belonged to Torrence Huffman, one of his relatives and the owner of the pasture east of Dayton over which the 1905 Wright Flyer III flew.

The 1905 Wright Flyer III, built by Wilbur and Orville Wright, was the world's first practical airplane, capable of manned,

sustained, powered, and controlled flight. The plane came to Carillon Historical Park through the efforts of founder Edward Deeds and his friend Orville Wright. Carillon Historical Park, Inc., a nonprofit organization, owns the plane and displays it in the John W. Berry Sr. Wright Brothers Aviation Center on the grounds of Carillon Historical Park. The Wright Brothers Aviation Center is one of four sites of Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, a unique public-private partnership.

About 100 ASME members and guests attended the ceremony and reception. ASME International, a 125,000-member organization, focuses on technical, educational and research issues. ASME conducts one of the world's largest technical publishing operations and is an internationally recognized standards-setting body. ASME's History and Heritage program illuminates our technological heritage and encourages the preservation of the physical remains of historically important works. Annotated rosters of significant mechanical engineering artifacts, collections or sites are online at www.asme.org/history/
Mary Mathews



Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center & Aviation Trail Visitor Center and Museum

Construction and exhibit design for the new interpretive complex — the Hoover Block and Aviation Trail building — is progressing rapidly. The full service complex will offer a wide range of visitor services and facilities to promote the mission of the park and tell the story of the Wright brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar. The building will open June 27, 2003 — prior to Dayton's July celebration for the Centennial of Flight and Ohio Bicentennial.

When visitors enter the building they will be greeted by park personnel at the

information desk and have the opportunity to browse the gift shop, see a movie, and visit the exhibit area located on the first and second floors of the Hoover Block.

The exhibits in the center will begin with an international focus and the role of Dayton as a place of innovation and invention, and then transitions to the life and times of the Wright brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar, and what it was like to live in the West Dayton area during the early 1890s. Exhibits will provide detailed stories of the Wrights' family, business and

community leaders. Displays will also introduce the visitor to the life and contributions of Paul Laurence Dunbar.

The gift shop will feature publications and items related to the interpretive themes of the park. Eastern National, a NPS partner, will operate the shop. Although there will be no admission at first, the facility plans to charge a nominal entrance fee shortly after the grand opening.

Wrights' Fifth Cycle Shop: Archeological Study

Demolition of the building at 1127 West Third Street in August 2002 uncovered remnants of a foundation wall. Location, age and type of construction, indicate the remnants may be the original foundation of the Wrights' Fifth Cycle Shop (1127 West Third Street). Prior to proceeding with any type of interpretive development the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission plans to conduct an archeological investigation. The Commission wished to conduct the investigation when on-going Centennial festivities in Dayton (July 3-20, 2003) permit the project to be a "living classroom" experience for visitors to the Wright-Dunbar area.

Wright State University submitted a proposal approved by the Commission at its March 7, 2003 meeting. Under the proposal, Wright State will begin an archaeological project during the week of June 30 and continue until at least July 25.

Dr. Robert Riordan, director of the Field School in Archaeology at Wright State is the project leader. Dr Riordan is Professor of Anthropology and chair of Wright State's department of Sociology and Anthropology [Dr. Riordan's project assistant, Dr. Frank L. Cowan will author the report.] Student excavators will assist in the project.

A unique element of the project involves interpretation of neighborhood history and archaeology to the public by graduate students from Wright State's Public History M.A. program. In addition to the archaeology work, Carillon Park's "Time Flies" program plans living history programs at this location. Daily performances will take place adjacent to the "dig", allowing the neighborhood visitors during the Centennial Celebration a multi-faceted experience.

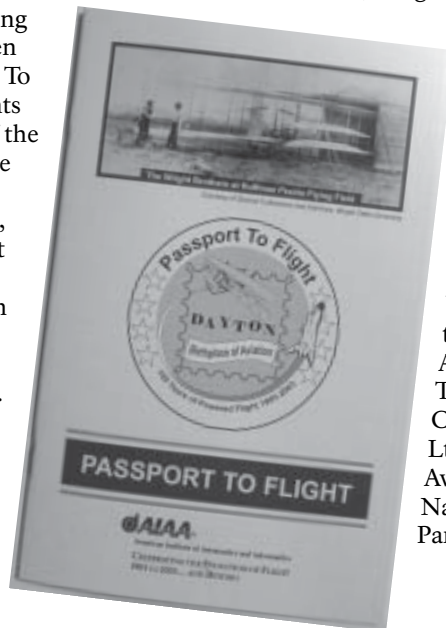
Wright-Dunbar Inc, owners of the property, along with Inventing Flight, are partnering with the Commission on this project. Upon completion of the archaeology work and submission of the report, efforts to create permanent interpretive elements will be initiated. The work is expected to go beyond the Centennial Celebration and into 2004. Artifacts discovered during the investigation will be made available by Wright-Dunbar Inc. to Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park for possible display throughout the Park.

Tony Sculimbrenne

Passport to Flight

Passport to Flight, an exciting program for children and their families, began April 6 at sixteen aviation related sites.

The program for children K – 8th grade, encourages youth to explore, with their families, the cultural and natural history of the greater Dayton Area. Children obtain a free passport book at a participating site (including Dayton Aviation) and then visit sites of their choice. To qualify for prizes, students must visit at least nine of the sixteen sites to collect the site's special "stamp". They receive two stamps, one for the sites passport book story page. The second stamp is placed in their "Flight Log", a special mail-in page in the front of the passport. Upon completion, the child mails the "Flight Log" page to the address provided in the passport. The "Flight Log" must be postmarked by October 31, 2003.



Every child submitting a "Flight Log" with nine stamps receives a commemorative Passport to Flight 'bag tag' (to identify their book or gym bag), a completion certificate and qualifies for the grand prize drawing. Grand Prizes include: Nintendo Game Cube System with Top Gun game cartridge, SunCatcher Balloon Ride for Two, Wright "B" Flyer Ride, Cycles Gaansari Gift Certificate and many more.

Passport for Flight is sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Dayton and funded by grants from AIAA, the Air Force Association, Universal Technology Corporation, Skyward, Ltd., and Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.

Participating sites include:

- Aullwood Audubon Center & Farm
- Boonshoft Museum of Discovery
- Carillon Historical Park
- Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal
- Dayton Art Institute
- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park (The Wright Cycle Company Complex & Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center)
- Greene County Public Library
- Montgomery County Public Library
- National Aviation Hall of Fame
- Neil Armstrong Museum
- Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial
- United States Air Force Museum
- WACO Historical Society
- Wright-B Flyer, and Wright State University Special Collections and Archives.

Time Flies at Dayton Aviation

Carillon Historical Park will present a unique living history program at each of the four park sites from July 4 to 20, 2003 in celebration of the Centennial of Flight and Ohio's Bicentennial. This program presents characters and events out of Dayton's past, bringing the past alive to park visitors. The program will be presented in three acts.

Act I consists of programs at both park sites in West Dayton. At the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center programs will occur daily from 10:00am to 2:30pm. *Play is Invention* involves turn-of-the-century games and projects for children, demonstrating that games can foster innovative thought. In *Home Fires*, Katherine Wright tells of life at home during the historic events of the time, from her perspective. *What's News* explores the newspaper career of the Wright brothers. Certainly resulting in fun for all and to examine an unusual path to invention, *A Good Scrap* lets the visitor see how Orville and Wilbur argued ideas to reach decisions, but only in private, not public.

At the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial daily from noon to 4:00pm, explore the world of Paul Laurence

Dunbar. Language traditions unfold in children's games and rhymes during *Rhymes Have Reason*. Take a trip back to the tools of Mr. Dunbar in *The Right to Write*. The visitor uses an ancient writing tool ... the typewriter (don't forget to put paper in first and don't look for the print button!). Matilda Dunbar reflects on *The Poet and The Baby* in a storytelling session. *The Dunbar Musicales* brings Dunbar's songs and poems into contemporary settings.

Act II takes place at Huffman Prairie Flying Field from 10:00am to noon daily. In *Explore the Field and Learn to Fly* hands-on activities involve kite making and the study of botany (remember adjacent to the flying field is Ohio's largest remaining tall grass prairie). The principles of flight unravel in an interactive play, *A Matter of Balance*.

Act III is a celebration of Dayton's past from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (Sunday starts at noon, Tuesday ends at 9:30pm) at Carillon Historical Park. *Join the Parade* consists of hands-on activities making costumes and games that lead to participation as members of a living flag or parade characters in the *Home Day Celebration*. This celebration at 5:00 PM

daily, recreates the 1909 festivities honoring the Wright brothers. In honor of Paul Laurence Dunbar, *Celebrate a Poet's Life* recreates a 1909 memorial honoring the poet and writer. An interactive play *Moving Faster* transports the visitor through time and space. *A Chautaugua* recreates educational entertainment from the early 1900's. Twice daily, *Rhythm in Shoes* will produce a turn of the century show, *Vaudeville*.

A ticket is required for Time Flies programs. Each ticket has four stubs, one for each of the four sites. A visitor does not have to visit all four sites on the same day and has the flexibility of selecting the days. Discounts are available for advance and group tickets.

For more information:

937/293-2841 or log on to
www.carillonpark.org

Admission:	Adult	\$20.00
	Senior	\$17.00
	Child	\$12.00
	Under 5	free

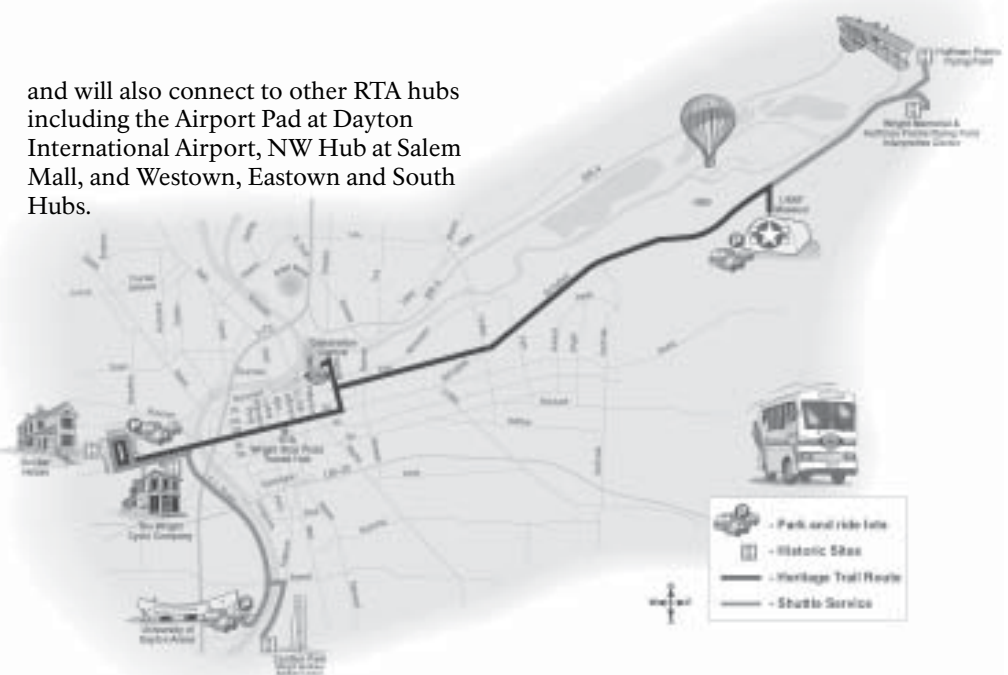
Shuttle Service

In conjunction with the Greater Dayton RTA, a shuttle service for park visitors will connect key park and community sites from June 1 to September 30, 2003. This free service will run daily from 8am to 6pm, at 30-minute intervals. Schedules and route maps will be available to riders. Each shuttle will display a distinctive logo.

Shuttle stops will be located at the Dunbar House, The Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, Carillon Historical Park, RTA Downtown Hub at Third & Main, the U.S. Air Force Museum, Huffman Prairie Flying Field and the Wright Memorial (Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center).

Park & Ride locations are planned for the University of Dayton Arena, Conover Street, and the U.S. Air Force Museum

and will also connect to other RTA hubs including the Airport Pad at Dayton International Airport, NW Hub at Salem Mall, and Westown, Eastown and South Hubs.



Many new faces at park

Over the past few months new interpretive and maintenance personnel have joined the family at Dayton Aviation Heritage. Each new member brings a variety of skills and talent to complement the mission of the park. Welcome new staff!

Julia F. Frasure, Park Guide, comes to the park with a B.A. from Wright State University (1990) and M.A. from the University of Illinois (1996) in Anthropology (specializing in eastern U.S. and Mesoamerican archaeology). Julia joins our staff after teaching part-time for several years at the University of Dayton, Wright State University, and Sinclair Community College. Prior work includes secretarial and budget work at Wright-Patterson AFB, supervisory work with Wright State University's Field School in Archaeology, and programming work for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Darrin Palean, Park Guide, started at the park in March, 2003. He has served as seasonal interpretive ranger at Crater Lake National Park, Oregon, and has volunteered with the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area, California. Prior to working here, he worked as a cartographer for BAE Systems in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. He is a native of California and holds a BA in Geography from California State University of Northridge. Darrin is a Veteran of the US Air Force and enjoys hiking, gardening and photography.

Bob Stemple, Maintenance, a West Virginia native and 20-year US Air Force Veteran, has lived in the Fairborn area for 15 years. He has 24 years in aircraft maintenance as well as odd jobs in hardware sales, commercial cleaning, factory production and fast foods. Traveling has taken him to 49 of the 50 states (not to Oregon yet) and over 28 countries, plus the North and South Pole regions. He has two daughters and one stepson. Hobbies include camping, boating, fishing, hiking, exploring, antiques and auto repairs.

Gregg E. Smith, Park Guide, is originally from Middletown, Ohio and is a graduate of the University of Idaho (BS Wildlife Management). He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer 1998 (Ecuador). He is a former Interpretive Park Ranger at Everglades N.P., Interpretive seasonal at Sequoia N.F., and Interpretive Specialist at Idaho State Parks. Current hobbies include golf, ceramics, cycling, hiking and camping.

Steve Moyer, Utility System Operator/Repair, an Ohio native, born in Vandalia is married with one child. Steve worked 7 years for the U.S. Postal Service and 4 years in the U.S. Navy where he served as an Aviation Electrician - seems appropriate for an aviation park. His hobbies include computers and music. He plays drums, guitar and sax.

Don Hill, Maintenance Worker, is a native Ohioan, married with one child. He comes to the park upon retiring from the U.S. Navy as a 26-year veteran of the Submarine service. He enjoys yard work (landscaping & gardening). Having visited the four corners of the continental U.S., he enjoys traveling and feels there is much to see and plans to see as much as he can.

Educational Opportunities

Education Specialist, Judi Hart, coordinates all on and off-site educational programs, including scheduling tours and school visits. She is working hard to expand the parks' role in the local educational community. Her role includes working with local teachers to develop programs relevant to the needs of the teachers and students while pursuing the mission of the park.

The park offers free educational programs throughout the school year presented at your school, or on site at The Wright Cycle Company Complex at West Third and South Williams, or at Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center and the flying field.

All classes must make reservations. Programs vary in length and can be tailored to fit the needs and interests of each class. To schedule a program for your class in your school or at the park, interested teachers should contact Judi Hart at (937) 225-7705 or by e-mail judi_hart@npss.gov

Award for Bob Petersen



Ranger Bob Petersen receives an on-the-spot award from the park for exemplary service, 2002.

Aviation Heritage Speakers Series

The Dayton Aviation Heritage Speakers Series kicked off its third year with a presentation by Dawne Dewey, Wright State University Special Collections and Archives, on the Wright Brothers in Europe on March 20th. There are two presentations remaining in this year's speakers series, and we hope that you will plan to join us.

July 17, 2003: Astronaut Jerry Ross, a veteran of seven space flights, will discuss his most recent launch, STS-110. This mission was to continue the assembly of the International Space Station. The presentation will include videotape from the STS-110 launch.

November 13, 2003: Ann Birney, from Ride Into History, will present "Amelia Earhart, Live!" Through Ann Birney the famous pilot comes to life to tell the dramatic stories about her childhood and record-setting flights.

The speaker series is jointly sponsored by Dayton Aviation Heritage and the Engineers Club of Dayton. All of the events are held at the Engineers Club of Dayton (110 E. Monument Street) at 7:00pm, and they are free and open to the public. For further information call the park at (937) 225-7705.



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Changes coming to the Park

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In the near future the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and Aviation Trail Visitor Center will be completed and open to the public. Construction is in full gear to have the facility ready to open in with dedication and grand opening June 27th. Interior work is proceeding at a rapid pace, with most exterior work finished. The new exhibits for this interpretive center are being reviewed daily, with production on a fast track. These exhibits will be first rate and open a major gateway to understanding the story of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the Wright brothers, and the role of Dayton in industrial progress and innovation.

To operate the new facilities park staff, which this time in 2002 consisted of five full-time employees, will more than double over the next few months. Since December and continuing to the opening in early summer, staff has or will be added to our interpretation, maintenance and administrative divisions. The people hired

include the highest qualified individuals with the skill, and, just as important, the passion to fulfill the mission of Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park as stated in the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992:

to preserve, enhance, and interpret for present and future generations the historic and cultural structures, districts, and artifacts in Dayton and the Miami Valley in the State of Ohio, which are associated with the Wright brothers, the invention and development of aviation, or the life and works of Paul Laurence Dunbar, and which, as a whole, represent a nationally significant resource.

This is our mission. The changes described in this newsletter, and that will occur in the coming months, will enable that mission to be met. I encourage you to visit and watch us grow.

Lawrence Blake, Superintendent